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2. Contract No.		3. Solicitation No. W56HZV-04-R-0546		4. Type of Solicitation Negotiated (RFP)	5. Date Issued 2004FEB20	6. Requisition/Purchase No. SEE SCHEDULE
7. Issued By TACOM WARREN BLDG 231 AMSTA-AQ-AHPB WARREN, MICHIGAN 48397-5000 HTTP://CONTRACTING.TACOM.ARMY.MIL			Code W56HZV	8. Address Offer To (If Other Than Item 7) US ARMY TACOM ACQUISITION CENTER E-MAIL ATTN: AMSTA-AQ-DE / BID OPENING WARREN, MI 48397-5000 E-MAIL: OFFERS@TACOM.ARMY.MIL		

SOLICITATION NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations 'offer' and 'offeror' mean 'bid' and 'bidder'.

9. Sealed offers in original and 1 signed copies for furnishing the supplies or services in the Schedule will be received at the place specified in item 8, or if handcarried, in the depository located in SEE SOLICITATION until 01:00pm (hour) local time 2004MAR22 (Date).

Caution - Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawals: See Section L, Provision No. 52.214-7 or 52.215-1. All offers are subject to all terms and conditions contained in this solicitation.

10. For Information Call:	Name DEBORAH ROTH E-mail address: ROTH@TACOM.ARMY.MIL	Telephone No. (Include Area Code) (NO Collect Calls) (586) 574-8055
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OFFER (Must be fully completed by offeror)

NOTE: Item 12 does not apply if the solicitation includes the provisions at 52.214-16, Minimum Bid Acceptance Period.

12. In compliance with the above, the undersigned agrees, if this offer is accepted within _____ calendar days (60 calendar days unless a different period is inserted by the offeror) from the date for receipt of offers specified above, to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point(s), within the time specified in the schedule.

13. Discount For Prompt Payment
(See Section I, Clause No. 52.232-8)

14. Acknowledgment of Amendments (The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the Solicitation for offerors and related documents numbered and dated:

Amendment Number	Date	Amendment Number	Date

15A. Contractor/Offeror/Quoter		Code	Facility	16. Name and Title of Person Authorized to Sign Offer (Type or Print)	
15B. Telephone Number (Include Area Code)		15C. Check if Remittance Address is <input type="checkbox"/> Different From Blk 15A- Furnish Such Address In Offer		17. Signature	18. Offer Date

AWARD (To be completed by Government)

19. Accepted As To Items Numbered		20. Amount	21. Accounting And Appropriation	
22. Authority For Using Other Than Full And Open Competition: <input type="checkbox"/> 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)() <input type="checkbox"/> 41 U.S.C. 253(c)()			23. Submit Invoices To Address Shown In (4 copies unless otherwise specified)	
24. Administered By (If other than Item 7)		Code	25. Payment Will Be Made By	
SCD PAS ADP PT				
26. Name of Contracting Officer (Type or Print)			27. United States Of America _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)	
			28. Award Date	

IMPORTANT - Award will be made on this Form, or on Standard Form 26, or by other authorized official written notice.

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ITEM NO	SUPPLIES/SERVICES	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	SECTION B - SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES/COSTS				
0001	NSN: 6110-01-465-2800 FSCM: 19207 PART NR: 57K4072 SECURITY CLASS: Unclassified				
0001AA	<u>PRODUCTION QUANTITY</u> NOUN: DISTRIBUTION BOX PRON: EH284761EH PRON AMD: 03 AMS CD: 060011 <u>Description/Specs./Work Statement</u> TOP DRAWING NR: 57K4072 DATE: 22-MAY-2003 This item is being restricted to the approved source, GDLS, or an authorized distributor. 				

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SECTION D - PACKAGING AND MARKING

	<u>Regulatory Cite</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
D-1	52.211-4515 (TACOM)	PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS (SPECIAL PACKAGING INSTRUCTIONS)	SEP/2003

(a) Military preservation, packing, and marking for this contract/order shall be accomplished in accordance with the specific requirements identified below, all the applicable requirements of, MIL-STD-2073-1, Revision D, Dated 15 Dec 1999 and Notice 1, dated 10 May 2002, and the Special Packaging Instruction, see below.

- (1) LEVEL OF PRESERVATION: Military
- (2) LEVEL OF PACKING: A
- (3) QUANTITY PER UNIT PACKAGE: 001
- (4) SPECIAL PACKAGING INSTRUCTION NUMBER. AKI14652800
- (a) REVISION
- (b) DATE OF REVISION

(b) Unitization: Shipments of identical items going to the same destination shall be palletized if they have a total cubic displacement of 50 cubic feet or more unless skids or other forklift handling features are included on the containers. Pallet loads must be stable, and to the greatest extent possible, provide a level top for ease of stacking. A palletized load shall be of a size to allow for placement of two loads high and wide in a conveyance. The weight capacity of the pallet must be adequate for the load. The preferred commercial expendable pallet is a 40 x 48 inch, 4-way entry pallet although variations may be permitted as dictated by the characteristics of the items being unitized. The load shall be contained in a manner that will permit safe handling during shipment and storage

(c) Marking:

(1) In addition to any special markings called out on the SPI, all unit packages, intermediate packs, exterior shipping containers, and, as applicable, unitized loads shall be marked in accordance with MIL-STD-129, Revision P, Dated 15 Dec 2002, including bar coding. The contractor is responsible for application of special markings as discussed in the Military Standard regardless of whether specified in the contract/order or not. Special markings include, but are not limited to, Shelf-life markings, structural markings, and transportation special handling markings. The marking of pilferable and sensitive materiel will not identify the nature of the materiel.

(2) Contractors and vendors shall apply identification and address markings with bar codes in accordance with this standard. For shipments moving to overseas locations and for mobile deployable units, the in-the-clear address must also include the host country geographic address and the APO/FPO address. A Military Shipment Label (MSL) is required for all shipments except contractor to contractor. The MSL will include both linear and 2D bar codes per the standard. DVD shipment documentation must also be marked with additional bar codes. The DD Form 250 or the commercial packing list shall have additional issue/receipt bar coding applied as per Direct Vendor Delivery Shipments in the standard (except for deliveries to DLA Distribution Depots, e.g. New Cumberland, San Joaquin, Red River, Anniston). . Packing lists are required in accordance with the Standard, see paragraph 5.3.

(3) Contractor to contractor shipments shall have the address markings applied to the identification marked side of the exterior shipping container or to the unitized load markings. The following shall be marked "FROM: name and address of consignor and TO: name and address of consignee".

(4) Military Shipping Label: : Military Shipment Labels(MSLs) may be created using commercially available programs. These commercial programs can generate a MIL-STD-129 and Defense Transportation Regulation compliant MSLs and package labels. For example, the EasyForm MSL at <<http://www.easysoftcorp.com/products/Software/MSL.html>>. Insure that the ship to and mark for in-the-clear delivery address is complete including:consignees name, organization, department name, office, building, room, street address, city, state, country code, & DODAAC.

(d) Heat Treatment and Marking of Wood Packaging Materials: Boxes/pallets and any wood used as inner packaging made of non-manufactured wood shall be heat-treated. All non-manufactured wood used in packaging shall be heat treated to a core temperature of 56 degrees Celsius for a minimum of 30 minutes. The box/pallet manufacturer and the manufacturer of wood used as inner packaging shall be affiliated with an inspection agency accredited by the board of review of the American Lumber Standard Committee. The box/pallet manufacturer and the manufacturer of wood used as inner packaging shall ensure traceability to the original source of heat treatment. Each box/pallet shall be marked to show the conformance to the International Plant Protection Convention Standard. The quality mark shall be placed on both ends of the outer packaging, between the end cleats or end battens; on two sides of the pallet. Foreign

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manufacturers shall have the heat treatment of non-manufactured wood products verified in accordance with their National Plant Protection Organizations compliance program.

(e) Hazardous Materials(As applicable):

(1) Hazardous Materials is defined as a substance, or waste which has been determined by the Secretary of Transportation to be capable of posing an unreasonable risk to health, safety, and property when transported in commerce and which has been so designated. (This includes all items listed as hazardous in Titles 29, 40 and 49 CFR and other applicable modal regulations effective at the time of shipment.)

(2) Unless otherwise specified, packaging and marking for hazardous material shall comply with the requirements herein for the mode of transport and the applicable performance packaging contained in the following documents:

International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations
International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG)
Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 29, Title 40 and Title 49
Joint Service Regulation AFJMAN24-204/TM38-250/NAVSUPPUB 505/MCO
P4030.19/DLAM 4145.3 (for military air shipments).

(3) If the shipment originates from outside the continental United States, the shipment shall be prepared in accordance with the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in a manner acceptable to the Competent Authority of the nation of origin and in accordance with regulations of all applicable carriers.
A Product Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) is required to be included with every unit pack and intermediate container and shall be included with the packing list inside the sealed pouch attached to the outside of the package.

(f) This SPI has been validated and the method of preservation/packing has proven successful in meeting the needs of the military distribution system, including indeterminate storage and shipment throughout the world. Special instructions and/or tailoring of the SPI is detailed in the Supplemental Instructions below. A prototype package is required to validate the sizes and fit requirements of the SPI. Minor dimensional and size changes are acceptable provided contractor provides the PCO and ACO with notification 60 days prior to delivery. Any design changes or changes in the method of preservation that provide a cost savings without degrading the method of preservation or packing or affecting the serviceability of the item will be considered and responded to within 10 days of submission to PCO and ACO. Government reserves the right to require testing to validate alternate industrial preservation methods, materials, alternate blocking, bracing, cushioning, and packing.

(f) SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS:

[End of Clause]

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SECTION E - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

	Regulatory Cite	Title	Date
E-1	52.246-4028 (TACOM)	INSPECTION POINT: ORIGIN	FEB/1994

We will inspect the supplies as described elsewhere in this solicitation/contract before acceptance. Fill-in the location, contractor's or subcontractor's plant, where origin inspection will occur.

CONTRACTOR'S PLANT: _____
(Name)

(Address) (City) (County) (State) (Zip)

SUBCONTRACTOR'S PLANT: _____
(Name)

(Address) (City) (County) (State) (Zip)

[End of Clause]

E-2	52.246-4029 (TACOM)	ACCEPTANCE POINT: ORIGIN	OCT/2002
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We will accept these supplies at the address or addresses designated in the Section E clause entitled INSPECTION POINT.

[End of Clause]

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SECTION F - DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

	<u>Regulatory Cite</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
F-1	52.242-4022 (TACOM)	DELIVERY SCHEDULE	MAY/2000

- (a) DEFINITIONS:
- (1) CLIN means Contract Line Item Number, and refers to the contract items listed in Section B of this document.
- (2) DAYS means the number of days after the date of contract award when you must deliver the stated quantity (QTY) of supplies.
- (3) DELIVERY is defined as follows:
- (i) FOB Origin - Contractor is required to deliver its shipment as provided in FAR 52.247-29(a)(1)-(4) by the time specified in the individual contract; or
- (ii) FOB Destination - Contractor is required to deliver its shipment as provided in FAR 52.247-34(a)(1)-(2) by the time specified in the individual contract. The contractor must take into consideration the length of time necessary to deliver its shipment to the destination designated in the contract, to ensure that the item reaches its destination by the time reflected in the contract.
- (b) The Government's proposed delivery schedule is:
- | <u>CLIN</u> | <u>DAYS</u> | <u>QUANTITY</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 001 | 360 | 50 |
| 002 | OPTION | 50 |
- (c) If the successful offeror is granted a waiver of the First Article Test requirement, as contained in Section E, the proposed delivery schedule in the resulting contract shall be accelerated by N/A days, to reflect the removal of leadtime originally included in the delivery schedule to provide for manufacturing, testing, and approval of the first article.
- (d) You can accelerate delivery: AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE GOVERNMENT
- (e) Proposing an accelerated delivery schedule will not prejudice your offer. However, if you propose a delivery schedule longer than the schedule listed above, your offer may be determined unacceptable for award.
- (f) CONTRACTOR'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE:
- (1) I WILL START DELIVERIES _____ DAYS AFTER THE AWARD DATE; OR, IF APPLICABLE, _____ DAYS AFTER AWARD IF FIRST ARTICLE TEST IS WAIVED.
- (2) I WILL DELIVER A QUANTITY OF _____ UNITS EVERY 30 DAYS, BUT I HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO DELIVER UP TO A MAXIMUM OF _____ UNITS EVERY 30 DAYS.

[End of Clause]

F-2	52.247-60	GUARANTEED SHIPPING CHARACTERISTICS	DEC/1989
<p>(a) The offeror is requested to complete subparagraph (a)(1) of this clause, for each part or component which is packed or packaged separately. This information will be used to determine transportation costs for evaluation purposes. If the offeror does not furnish sufficient data in subparagraph (a)(1) of this clause, to permit determination by the Government of the item shipping costs, evaluation will be based on the shipping characteristics submitted by the offeror whose offer produces the highest transportation costs or in the absence thereof, by the Contracting Officer's best estimate of the actual transportation costs. If the item shipping costs, based on the actual shipping characteristics, exceed the item shipping costs used for evaluation purposes, the Contractor agrees that the contract price shall be reduced by an amount equal to the difference between the transportation costs actually incurred, and the costs which would have been incurred if the evaluated shipping characteristics had been accurate.</p>			

- (1) To be completed by the offeror:
- (i) Type of "Outer" container: Wood Box _____, Fiber Box _____, Barrel _____, Reel _____, Drum _____,

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- Other (Specify) _____
- (ii) Shipping configuration: Knocked-down _____, Set-up _____, Nested _____, Other (specify) _____;
- (iii) Size of outer container: _____ inches (Length), x _____ inches (Width), x _____ inches (Height) = _____ Cubic FT;
- (iv) Number of items per outer container _____ Each;
- (v) Gross weight of outer container and contents _____ LBS
- (vi) Palletized/skidded _____ Yes _____ No;
- (vii) Number of outer containers per pallet/skid _____;
- (viii) Weight of empty pallet bottom/skid and sides _____ LBS;
- (ix) Size of pallet/skid and contents _____ LBS Cube _____;
- (x) Number of outer containers or pallets/skids per railcar _____ * --
Size of railcar _____
Type of railcar _____
- (xi) Number of outer containers or pallets/skids per trailer _____ *--
Size of trailer _____
Type of trailer _____

*Number of complete units (contract line item) to be shipped in carrier's equipment.

(2) To be completed by the Government after evaluation but before contract award:

- (i) Rate used in evaluation _____;
- (ii) Tender/Tariff _____;
- (iii) Item _____;

The guaranteed shipping characteristics requested in subparagraph (a)(1) of this clause do not establish actual transportation requirements, which are specified elsewhere in this solicitation. The guaranteed shipping characteristics will be used only for the purpose of evaluating offers and establishing any liability of the successful offeror for increased transportation costs resulting from actual shipping characteristics which differ from those used for evaluation in accordance with paragraph (a) of this clause.

[End of FAR Clause]

The following information is provided as guidance in filling out the above clause by paragraph. Note: Disregard asterisk (*) in the clause where it appears.

(a)(1)(i) Type of container (mandatory fill-in):

The type of container is defined as an overpack. This is an outer container usually made of steel, wood, or fiber designed to enclose and protect one or more less durable inner containers. When Other is selected you must also complete (a)(1)(ii) Shipping configuration.

(a)(1)(ii) Shipping configuration:

Complete this information when any one dimension of the item is reduced.

(a)(1)(iii) Size of container (mandatory fill-in):

Outer dimensions of the overpack or other described shipping configuration. Must be provided in inches. The cube shall be provided in cubic feet. The cube is defined as the volume of space occupied by the unit under consideration computed by multiplying overall exterior length, width, and height.

(a)(1)(iv) Number of items per container (mandatory fill-in):

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The number of units of issue in the overpack or in the other described shipping configuration.

(a)(1)(v) Gross weight of container and contents (mandatory fill-in):

The combined mass of the overpack containing the packing material and the number of units of issue supplied in pounds.

(a)(1)(vi) Palletized/skidded:

Indicate Yes if overpack or other described shipping configuration is attached to pallet or skid to form a unit load for handling.

(a)(1)(vii) Number of containers per pallet/skid:

Only complete this if you answered Yes to (a)(1)(vi). Containers are the number of overpacks or other described shipping configurations attached to a pallet or skid base.

(a)(1)(viii) Weight of empty pallet bottom/skid and sides:

Only complete this if you answered Yes to (a)(1)(vi) or when the weight of the container and contents in (a)(1)(v) above does not include this weight.

(a)(1)(ix) Size of pallet/skid and contents:

Only complete this if you answered Yes to (a)(1)(vi). Indicate weight in pounds and cube in cubic feet of combined overpack or other described shipping configuration and attached pallet or skid. The cube is defined as the volume of space occupied by the unit under consideration computed by multiplying overall exterior length, width, and height.

(a)(1)(x) Number of containers or pallets/skids per railcar:

Only complete this if you have rail capability and the rail car may be fully utilized. Quantity of overpacks or other described shipping configurations that will fit in a fully utilized railcar. Specify length in feet and type (flat, box, gondola, etc.) of railcar.

(a)(1)(xi) Number of containers or pallets/skids per trailer (mandatory fill-in): Quantity of overpacks or other described shipping configurations that will fit in a fully utilized trailer. Specify length in feet and type (flatbed, van, etc.) of trailer. For import/export shipments in ISO/seavan containers indicate quantity of overpacks or other described shipping configurations fully utilizing the container. Specify length in feet of the ISO/seavan containers.

NOTE: Fully Utilized means filling to full visible capacity.

[End of Clause]

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SECTION I - CONTRACT CLAUSES

	Regulatory Cite	Title	Date
I-1	52.247-4011	FOB POINT	SEP/1978

Delivery on F.O.B. origin offers will be F.O.B. Carrier's equipment, wharf, or freight station, at the Government's option, at or near:

(1) Contractor's Plant: (City) (State) (ZIP) (County)

(2) Subcontractor's Plant: (City) (State) (ZIP) (County)

[End of Provision]

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SECTION L - INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS

	<u>Regulatory Cite</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
L-1	52.215-4850 (TACOM)	ELECTRONIC OFFERS REQUIRED IN RESPONSE TO THIS SOLICITATION	MAR/2003

(a) You must submit your offer via paperless electronic media (See Paragraph (b) below.). Unless paper copies are specifically requested elsewhere in this solicitation (in Section L), offers submitted in paper form are unacceptable. You must submit your electronic offer, and any supplemental information (such as spreadsheets, backup data, and technical information), using any of the following electronic formats:

(1) Files readable using these Office XP or Microsoft* 97 Office Products (TACOM can currently read OFFICE 97* and lower.): Word, Excel, Powerpoint, or Access. Spreadsheets must be sent in a file format that includes all formulae, macro and format information. Print image is not acceptable. Executable files are unacceptable.

(2) Files in Adobe PDF (Portable Document Format). Scanners should be set to 200 dots per inch.

(3) Files in HTML (Hypertext Markup Language). HTML documents must not contain active links to live Internet sites or pages. All linked information must be contained within your electronic offer and be accessible offline.

(4) Other electronic formats. Before preparing your offer in any other electronic format, please e-mail the buyer identified in Block 10 of the solicitation cover sheet (Government Standard Form 33), with e-mail copy-furnished to amsta-idq@tacom.army.mil, to obtain a decision as to the format's acceptability. This e-mail must be received by the buyer not later than ten calendar days before the closing date. Failure to e-mail the buyer within this timeframe to seek an alternate format's acceptability may result in rejection of your offer. All alternate methods must be at no cost to the Government.

NOTE (Compression): The above formats may be submitted in compressed form using Winzip*. Self-extracting files are not acceptable. Check with the buyer before using any product other than Winzip for file compression.

NOTE (Hyperlinks): Documents [submitted using any of the above formats] must not contain active links (hyperlinks) to any other documents that are not contained in the proposal. This includes links to live Internet web sites or web pages. All linked information must be contained within your electronic offer and be accessible offline.

NOTE (Macros): The virus scanning software used by our email systems cannot always distinguish a macro from a virus. Therefore, sending a macro embedded in an email message or an email attachment may cause the email offer to be quarantined. In that event subparagraphs (f) and (g) apply.

(b) Acceptable media: You must submit your offer via 100 megabyte or 250 megabyte Zip*-disk, or 3 1/2 inch disk, or 650 megabyte CD ROM, E-mail, or datafax. Identify the software application, and version, that you used to create each file submitted. The word "datafax" used in this clause means "facsimilie" as defined at FAR 52.215-5.

(1) 100 OR 250 MEGABYTE ZIP*-DISK, 3 1/2 INCH DISK, OR 650 MEGABYTE CD ROM via U.S. Mail or other carrier. Offerors shall label any and all submitted disks with the solicitation number and closing date, and the offeror's name and address and contact phone number. Envelopes containing disks must be labeled per FAR 52.215-1(c), found within the provision, "Instructions to Offerors--Competitive Acquisition", listed in Section L. Your attention is also called to the entirety of that provision--all contained therein is applicable to paperless electronic offers. In the event of multiple submitted offers, place each offer/submission on its own disk(s)(one offer can comprise multiple disks). You must also submit only one offer/submission per envelope. Notwithstanding language in Block 9 of the SF 33 cover sheet of this solicitation that may state otherwise, submit ONLY ONE (1) of each disk (no additional copies required). If you will be sending your CD or ZIP disks by any method other than US Postal Service, see the Section L provision 52.215-4003 (TACOM), entitled "Handcarried Offers," for delivery instructions.

(2) E-MAIL. If you choose to use e-mail, address your offer to offers@tacom.army.mil. DO NOT E-MAIL OFFERS TO THE BUYER. THE SUBJECT LINE OF THE E-MAIL MUST READ: "OFFER--[solicitation number], [name of Company/offeror], CLOSES [closing date]". Maximum size of each e-mail message shall be three and one-half (3.5) megabytes. Use the file compression described in the NOTE in paragraph (a) above. You may use multiple e-mail messages for each offer/submission, however, you must annotate the subject lines as described above for each message, and number them in this manner: "Message 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3".

(3) DATAFAX. Faxed offers MUST BE SENT TO TACOM'S NETWORK FAX SERVER ON 1-586-574-5527. DO NOT FAX OFFERS TO THE BUYER. SIMILARLY, DO NOT ADDRESS THE FAX TO THE BUYER. YOU MUST ADDRESS THE FAX TO THE ATTENTION OF offers@tacom.army.mil AS THIS IS THE LOCATION WHERE YOUR FAX MUST BE RECEIVED. THE COVER PAGE OF THE FAX MUST CLEARLY INDICATE THAT THE FAX SHOULD BE SENT TO offers@tacom.army.mil.

Paper faxes are not acceptable. Transmit only one offer for each datafax transaction. Clearly identify the offer as such on your fax cover page or via your PC, include your company's name, and state the proper internal TACOM address: offers@tacom.army.mil. Offerors may

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send a fax using a personal computer or standalone fax machine, but it must be sent to the above number. If you use a standalone fax machine, you won't receive a confirmation of receipt. See paragraph (e) below for the minimum requirements of your offer. Maximum size of datafax offers is three and one-half megabytes (3.5MB), the same limitation as that for e-mail offers. For your datafax, use the same subject line as that for e-mails as indicated above: "OFFER--[solicitation number], [name of your Company/offeror], CLOSES [closing date]".

Unless specifically instructed otherwise in this solicitation, select only one medium by which to transmit each offer. For instance, do not submit an offer via 100 or 250 megabyte Zip*-disk AND e-mail.

(c) Lateness rules for submitted disks, e-mail, or datafax submissions are outlined in FAR 52.215-1, "Instructions to Offerors--Competitive Acquisition", listed in Section L of this solicitation. Pay particular attention to paragraph (c)(3) of that clause as it relates to the timing of e-mail or datafax submissions.

(d) Security Note: If you choose to password-protect access to your offer, you must provide the password to TACOM at least ten days prior to submitting the protected file. Contact the buyer to arrange a means of providing the password. Passwords used only for the purpose of write protecting files need not be provided.

(e) Electronic offers must include, as a minimum:

(1) The SF33 cover sheet filled out. SIGNATURE: For offers submitted via disk or CD ROM per (b)(1) above, this SF 33 cover sheet must be signed and included electronically in your disk or CD. Clearly label the disc/CD ROM as described in paragraph (b)(1) above, adding the name and title of the signer authorizing your company, your company name, and then sign the LABEL itself. Datafaxed offers also must include a signed SF 33 cover sheet. E-mailed offers must also include a signed SF 33 cover sheet that can be either faxed or scanned. If faxed to the TACOM Network Fax Server (1-586-574-5527), you must annotate that it is being submitted together with your e-mailed offer. If scanned, attach it to your e-mail offer (or first e-mail message if you are sending multiple e-mails due to length).

(2) All applicable fill-in provisions from Sections A, B, F, and K of this solicitation. You may find Word versions of Section K provisions requiring your fill-in on our TACOM Business Opportunities webpage (<http://contracting.tacom.army.mil/mastersol/sectionk.htm>). You can fill them in and attach them to your offer. See the solicitation for which provisions are required. Also, Section E provisions filled in (if applicable): Inspection Point: Origin, TACOM clause 52.246-4028. All applicable fill-ins must be completed and submitted by the offeror.

(3) A statement of agreement to all the terms, conditions, and provisions of this solicitation.

(4) Any other information required by the solicitation.

(f) Please see FAR 15.207(c) for a description of the steps the Government shall take with regard to unreadable offers.

(g) Offerors shall make every effort to ensure that their offer is virus-free. Offers (or portions thereof) submitted which DO reflect the presence of a virus, or which are otherwise rendered unreadable by damage in either physical or electronic transit, shall be treated as "unreadable" per paragraph (f) above.

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